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June 29, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:  
HANCOCK PARK PIT 91 DRAINAGE PROJECT  
AWARD SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT 2  
SPECS. 6798 - CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86722  
(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action will allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to execute Supplemental Agreement 2 with URS Corporation to provide design services, soil and geotechnical testing, and environmental documentation for a direct sewer discharge connection and landscaping improvements for the lake pit and oil creek at Hancock Park.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Supplemental Agreement 2 to Agreement PW 12975 with URS Corporation to provide design services, soil and geotechnical testing, and environmental documentation for a direct sewer discharge connection and landscaping improvements for the lake pit and oil creek for a \$403,647 not-to-exceed fee funded by the Hancock Park Pit 91 Drainage Project (Capital Project No. 86722), and to establish the effective date following Board approval.

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**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended action will allow Public Works to proceed with design and environmental documentation of the sewer discharge connection system to meet current regulatory standards and provide new landscaping at Hancock Park Pit 91 located at the La Brea Tar Pits on Wilshire Boulevard and operated by the Museum of Natural History (Museum).

The existing site drainage is adequate for the original park design conditions; however, regulations have changed and during high rainfalls the existing oil-water separators consistently overflow. This overflow results in oily water getting into the storm drainage system that eventually discharges into Ballona Creek. In 2006, prior to the Museum's agreement with the City of Los Angeles (City) to discharge groundwater discharge into the City's sewer system, the Los Angeles County (County) incurred \$15,000 in penalties for failure to meet the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) stormwater guideline limits.

On October 31, 2006, your Board awarded an agreement to URS Corporation (URS) to conduct a feasibility study to analyze the existing drainage system and identify solutions to mitigate potential oily water from discharging into the public storm drain system and to comply with RWQCB limits during heavy rain events. On April 15, 2008, your Board awarded Supplemental Agreement 1 to URS for additional testing and analysis of the wastewater to confirm the appropriate treatment method. As URS was developing the appropriate treatment method, the State Water Resources Board approved Resolution 2008-0045, which imposed total maximum daily load (TMDL) limitations for metals in Ballona Creek, the body of water to which the lake pit water is discharged through the storm drain system.

To address the TMDL as well as the RWQCB requirement, the proposed project will include a direct and permanent sewer discharge connection system to increase the lake pit storage capacity; limit the inflow of storm water; and reduce the amount of water required to be disposed into the public storm drain system. In addition, the new landscaping and creek lining will enhance the ability to reduce the groundwater inflow into Pit 91 from the oil creek and to minimize water transfer to the lake pit.

To implement the proposed project, it is recommended that Supplemental Agreement 2 be awarded to URS to design, provide the required testing analysis, and prepare environmental documentation for the recommended efficient water treatment method. Design of the proposed project is anticipated to be completed in November 2010. It is anticipated that required site investigation and environmental documentation be

completed by March 2011. We will return to your Board with recommendations to adopt and advertise for construction bids in April 2011.

### **Sustainable Design Program**

The proposed project supports your Board's Sustainable Design Program by implementing the use of drought tolerant landscaping. There will be savings due to reduction in the amount of potable water consumed as a result of the sustainable elements included in the design.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by improving the quality of life for the residents and Public Safety (Goal 5), by increasing the safety and security of all residents.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended Supplemental Agreement 2 is for a \$403,647 not-to-exceed fee. The total estimated cost of the design, plans, specifications, construction, Civic Arts, and County services, is \$2,000,000. Sufficient funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Capital Project/Refurbishment Budget Hancock Park Pit 91 Project (Capital Project No. 86722) to award the recommended Supplemental Agreement 2 to URS. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are attached.

The proposed project is funded by prior year net County cost.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard supplemental agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The existing consultant services agreement with URS includes the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination of services, renegotiation, hiring qualified displaced County employees, GAIN/GROW, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, and Child Support Compliance Program.

As required by your Board, the proposed project includes one percent of design and construction costs to be allocated to the Civic Art Fund per your Board's Civic Art Policy adopted on December 7, 2004.

As an interim measure, the Museum has executed an agreement for groundwater discharge into the City's sewer system from April 1, 2009, to March 31, 2012. The Museum obtained a temporary industrial wastewater discharge permit from the City's Sanitation Bureau to make a direct discharge from June 1 through June 4, 2009. This operation was both successful and cost-effective. In May 2010, the City allowed the Museum to make a second temporary industrial wastewater discharge under this agreement.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Awarding this supplemental agreement is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that such action will have no environmental impact. The appropriate environmental documentation will be presented to your Board for certification along with recommendations to adopt plans and specifications, and advertise for construction bids anticipated for April 2011.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On April 26, 2006, Public Works issued a Request for Proposal to 43 firms to provide consultant services and a feasibility study for the project. On May 25, 2006, one firm submitted a proposal for evaluation. The proposal was evaluated by a panel of members from Public Works based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of work requirements. The evaluation was completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, URS was found to be qualified to perform these services.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, this contract opportunity was listed on the Doing Business with Us website.

On October 31, 2006, your Board authorized a Consultant Services Agreement No. PW 12975 to URS for a \$130,785 not-to-exceed fee. On April 15, 2008, your Board awarded Supplemental Agreement 1 to URS to provide additional consultant services for treatability testing for a \$65,100 not-to-exceed fee. The recommended Supplemental Agreement 2 for a \$403,647 not-to-exceed amount will provide additional engineer design services, provide the required testing analysis, and prepare environmental documentation. These services are within the scope of the original solicitation. The negotiated fee has been reviewed by Public Works and is considered reasonable for the scope of work.

URS' Community Business Enterprises participation data (25 percent) and three-year contracting history with the County are on file with Public Works.

The agreement requires the consultant to pay its employees applicable prevailing wages in accordance with the California Labor Code.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; and to the Department of Public Works, Project Management Division II.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Arts Commission  
Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
Department of Public Works  
Museum of Natural History

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**ATTACHMENT**

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**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>
Feasibility Study	12/27/07*
Treatability Testing	05/27/09*
Design	
Contract Execution	07/29/10
Construction Document	12/09/10
Environmental Documents	04/25/11
Construction Bid and Award	05/20/11
Construction	
Substantial Completion	01/14/12
Acceptance	03/14/12

\*Indicates completed activity.

## II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Revised Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Construction			
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$ 0	\$ 789,778	\$ 789,778
Change Order Contingency (10 percent)	0	78,978	78,978
Civic Arts	0	11,469	11,469
Subtotal	\$ 0	\$ 880,225	\$ 880,225
Programming/Development			
Feasibility Study	\$ 120,785	\$ 0	\$ 120,785
Treatability Testing	65,100	0	65,100
Subtotal	\$185,885	\$ 0	\$ 185,885
Plans and Specifications	\$ 0	\$ 403,647	\$ 403,647
Consultant Services			
Cost Estimating	\$ 0	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Legal	0	2,500	2,500
Contract/Change Order (Additional Services)	20,000	0	20,000
Other (Constructability Review)	0	20,000	20,000
Subtotal	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 50,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures			
Printing	\$ 0	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
County Services			
Contract Administration	\$ 4,582	\$ 34,200	\$ 38,782
AED Support Services	10,720	11,462	22,182
Project Management	83,805	180,950	264,755
Secretarial	10,000	22,481	32,481
Document Control	10,000	22,850	32,850
Consultant Contract Recovery	13,743	34,386	48,129
AED Inspections	0	17,064	17,064
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance	0	6,500	6,500
Watershed Management Division	2,500	2,500	5,000
Subtotal	\$ 135,350	\$ 332,393	\$ 467,743
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 341,235</b>	<b>\$ 1,658,765</b>	<b>\$ 2,000,000</b>